

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Officials:

I already sent a form letter regarding this topic via the EchoStar website because I agreed with everything the form letter said. However, I want to write my own letter also, to call your attention to our personal plight out here in the wilds of Allegany County, NY.

For instance, in my area, Fillmore, we have only ONE choice for local internet access. This is better than none, of course, but when the local network is too busy, we sometimes cannot dial-up the internet. Also, our connection can be pathetically slow, and the possibility of our local access becoming far more expensive because Frontiernet now has a monopoly on the area is clear. The availability of Broadband to our area via this merger is something that we all would welcome!

Also, those of us who already own satellite dishes know the wonderful world of choice on TV. Cable companies will not extend their service to our area; therefore, buying a dish was 'necessary.' However, to get our 'local' Buffalo channels, we have to settle for a lousy, snowy picture because the digital quality of the satellite obviously does not come through via a regular, old-fashioned TV antenna. We'd be glad to have our local channels available on satellite.

And finally, Direct TV has a super package for NBA games. Although DISH Network has tried to get a similar package, it has not been able to succeed. A merger would make such a package available to far more consumers, thereby giving them more choice for their money. Surely, you who serve the public can see the advantages of making a public service available to more of the public!!

Please support this merger. Many here in the wilds of New York State would be truly grateful.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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